

## *TOM BLOSSOM GONE.*

**BENJAMIN MAGINLEY, THE ACTOR, DIES  
IN WEST CHESTER VILLAGE.**

Early Saturday morning Benjamin Maginley, known to his friends as "Ben," died at the home of his son-in-law, Frank Buckle, in the village of West Chester, Westchester County. "Ben" Maginley has been known among actors for more than 31 years. He was born in Philadelphia, and made his *début* in that city, at the old Chestnut-Street Theatre, in 1853. His first appearance in New-York was in 1862, when he played the part of Tony in the "French Spy." In 1863 he went into the circus business and as a clown made a decided hit. He became part owner of a circus with "Barney" Carroll, an old-time circus man, and remained in the show business until 1868, when he again took to the stage, but he gave that up after one season and joined Bailey's circus as equestrian manager. He traveled the whole country over sometimes as a circus man and sometimes as an actor.

He was a very clever man in character parts, and will be remembered longer for his personation of Tom Blossom in the play of "May Blossom," at the Madison-Square Theatre, than for any other bit of theatrical work he did. John Habberton wrote the play of "Deacon Crankett" for Maginley. Maginley was a man of cheerful temperament, who had a very large circle of warm friends. He had been ailing for some time before his death, which was not unexpected by those intimate with him. He was about 56 years old at the time of his death.

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